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ANNUAL REPORT

For the Town of

EASTON, N. H.



Year ending December 31, 1975

University of
New Hampshire
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Town of Easton, New Hampshire
ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31, 1975

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TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 2, 1976, at 7:30 in the evening. Polls will be open from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid:

Town's Share: \$ 52.51
State Share: \$346.02
and raise money for same.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen and other Town Officers an annual salary during the current year in accordance with the following schedule, and to raise and appropriate money for same:

Chairman, Board of Selectmen	\$400.00
Selectman	300.00
Selectman	300.00
Tax Collector	200.00
Town Clerk	200.00
Treasurer	200.00
Auditor	35.00

If approved it is understood that the selectmen and the other officers will receive no fees or any other compensation for their services except the usual and necessary expenses incurred by them in connection with their official duties, except the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$292.76 to the White Mountain Regional Association; \$286.74 to the Franconia-Easton-Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE 5. To see what action the voters wish to take to contribute \$115.00 to the North Country Home Health Agency and \$125.00 to the White Mountain Community Services.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town voters are willing to spend a portion of Fire-Police protection appropriation for the installation of two or three Dry Fire Hydrants.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$145.00 as the Town's share for operation of the North Country Council.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$149.00 to the Department of Resources and Economic Development for Blister Rust Control.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 toward the Centennial Celebration scheduled 1976.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Cemetery maintenance.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money for defraying town charges in anticipation of taxes, if necessary.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$350.00 to be used for the Franconia Recreation Program.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to the Easton Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will approve an ordinance prohibiting roadside camping or camping on the land of another without the owner's permission in tents or trailers in the Town of Easton.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set-offs against budgeted appropriations for the following priority purposes and in amounts indicated or take any other action hereon:

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Road Maintenance	\$93.42 plus interest

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to convert the balance of the Solid Waste Disposal Fund into the General Fund.

ARTICLE 17. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as is stated in the proposal budget for repairs to the Town highways and bridges, general expense of highways, snow removal, maintenance of the Town buildings, Officers' salaries and expenses and other town charges.

ARTICLE 18. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Glenn Kiedaisch
Durand Cooley
Dennis Ford

LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall and Land	\$55,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Library and Equipment	1,500.00
Town Equipment	<u>1,150.00</u>
 Total	 \$59,650.00



INVENTORY OF 1975

Land	\$ 955,900.00
Buildings	1,561,850.00
Electric Power Lines	159,400.00
Mobile Homes & Trailers	18,000.00
Boats	<u>375.00</u>
 Total Gross Valuation	 \$2,695,525.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	\$2,695,525.00
Less Veterans' Exemptions	450.00
Property Tax	33,244.34
Residence Tax	1,040.00
Yield Tax	<u>2,770.30</u>
 Total Taxes for Collection	 \$ 37,054.64

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1976

COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR 1975

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 1,635.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,100.00	1,200.00
Election & Registration Expenses	150.00	350.00
Expenses Town Hall & other Town Buildings and Utilities	900.00	1,400.00
Insurance	862.00	900.00
Police & Fire Department	1,500.00	1,500.00
Health Officer	5.00	5.00
Dump	200.00	200.00
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	4,500.00	4,500.00
TRA	52.51	51.90
Library	150.00	150.00
Public Welfare	50.00	50.00
Town Cemetery	350.00	500.00
Department of Resources	-.--	149.00
Abatements	200.00	200.00
Chamber of Commerce	488.50	286.74
Advertising & Legal Fees	200.00	200.00
White Mts. Community Services	125.00	125.00
North Country Home Health Agency	115.00	115.00
North Country Council	121.00	145.00
Franconia Recreation Association	300.00	350.00
Easton Centennial Fund	300.00	300.00
Easton Centennial Expenses	-.--	500.00
Conservation Commission	50.00	100.00
White Mountain Regional Association	-.--	292.64
Property Assessing	250.00	250.00
Bond & Debt Retirement Tax	-.--	600.00
County Tax	5,000.00	6,000.00
School Taxes	<u>22,500.00</u>	<u>28,000.00</u>
	\$40,744.01	\$50,055.28

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON

Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing year, January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976 compared with the estimated and actual revenue of the previous year, January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	ESTIMATED 1975	ACTUAL 1975	ESTIMATED 1976
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,772.06	\$ 1,500.00
Savings Bank Tax	80.00	106.02	100.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	700.00	917.73	800.00
Highway Subsidy	850.00	842.27	850.00
Business Profits Tax	10.00	15.20	15.00
Forest Reserve Fund	2,500.00	2,890.42	2,500.00
State & Federal Forest Reserve Lands	-.--	2,858.23	-.--
Reimbursement Forest Cons. Aid	-.--	7.67	-.--
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	100.00	78.00	100.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	-.--	19.00	5.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,000.00	3,186.11	2,200.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	-.--	.40	-.--
Resident Taxes Retained	750.00	890.00	750.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	500.00	2,770.30	1,500.00
Town Maps	6.00	12.00	6.00
Cash Surplus:	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>21,537.08</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Revenue from all Sources			
Except Property Taxes:	\$12,696.00	\$38,902.49	\$14,326.00
Amount to be raised by			
Property Taxes:			\$35,729.28
Due School District			\$ 9,192.25

Estimates of Expenditures for the ensuing year, January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976, compared with the actual Expenditures and Appropriations of the past year January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	ESTIMATED 1975	ACTUAL 1975	ESTIMATED 1976
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 1,298.52	\$ 1,635.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,100.00	1,146.10	1,200.00
Election & Registration	150.00	309.05	350.00
Expenses Town Hall & other			
Town Buildings & Utilities	900.00	731.19	1,400.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Insurance	862.00	858.00	900.00
Police & Fire Department	1,500.00	3,259.49	1,500.00
Health:			
Health Officer	5.00	5.00	5.00
Dump	200.00	366.85	200.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance -			
Summer & Winter	4,500.00	3,875.92	4,500.00
TRA	52.51	52.51	51.90
Library:			
	150.00	150.00	150.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	50.00	-.--	50.00
Town Cemetery:			
	350.00	261.80	500.00
Unclassified:			
Department of Resources	-.--	-.--	149.00
Abatements	200.00	-.--	200.00
Chamber of Commerce	488.50	286.74	286.74
Advertising & Legal Fees	200.00	101.76	200.00
White Mtn. Community			
Services	125.00	125.00	125.00
North Country Home Health			
Agency	115.00	115.00	115.00
North Country Council	121.00	121.00	145.00
Franconia Recreation Assoc.	300.00	300.00	350.00
Easton Centennial Fund	300.00	300.00	300.00
Easton Centennial Expenses	-.--	-.--	500.00

Conservation Commission	50.00	50.00	100.00
White Mtn. Reg. Assoc.	-.--	-.--	292.64
Revenue Sharing Overpayment	-.--	211.00	-.--

**Payments of Other Governmental
Divisions:**

Property Assessing	250.00	150.00	250.00
Bond & Debt Retirement Tax	-.--	461.71	600.00
County Tax	5,000.00	5,506.23	6,000.00
School Taxes	<u>22,500.00</u>	<u>21,000.00</u>	<u>28,000.00</u>

Total Expenditures	\$40,744.01	\$41,042.87	\$50,055.28
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REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT

Revenue Sharing Fund

Available Funds, January 1, 1975	\$83.62
Added Revenue	
Entitlement Payments	-.--
Interest	<u>9.80</u>
Total Available Funds	\$93.42
Less Expenditures	0.00
Less Appropriations	<u>0.00</u>
Total Available Funds, December 31, 1975	\$93.42

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Cash Balance on Hand as of December 31, 1975	\$21, 537. 08
Residence Tax	200. 00
Accounts Due Town - Uncollected Taxes	1, 775. 01
Capital Reserve Fund	1, 284. 54
Solid Waste Disposal Fund	2, 643. 92
Timber Tax Deposit	1, 763. 27
Revenue Sharing Fund	93. 42
Kitchen Fund	2, 624. 24
Hydrant Fund	<u>670. 01</u>
 Total Assets	\$32, 591. 49

LIABILITIES

Solid Waste Disposal Fund	\$ 2, 643. 92
Capital Reserve Fund (To offset Assets above)	1, 284. 54
Due Lafayette Regional School District	11, 076. 59
Due Profile School District	1, 114. 17
Timber Tax Deposit (To offset Assets above)	1, 763. 27
Revenue Sharing Fund	93. 42
Kitchen Fund	2, 624. 24
Hydrant Fund	<u>670. 01</u>
 Total Liabilities	\$21, 270. 16
 Excess Assets	\$11, 321. 33

Tax Rate:

On \$100. 00 valuation is \$1. 25

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1975 was another inflation year. This is not news to anyone, nor was it much of a surprise that our tax rate has continued to increase. In addition to increased costs for Town expenses and our regular school expenses, Easton has paid its share of fixed and development costs for the Profile Regional School District.

The tax rate was up from \$1.20 for 1974 to \$1.25 for 1975. The tax rate was broken down as follows:

Schools	\$1.05
County	.20
Town	.00

Since the extra payments for the Profile School were included in last year's tax, we do not anticipate much of an increase in total school expenses for the coming year. If this is the case, then we should be able to hold our taxes for this year very close to last year's tax. We are certainly going to do everything we can toward this end.

We have begun work on a pond behind the Town Hall, which will serve for fire protection, with a dry hydrant that will protect eight homes in the immediate area. In addition, it will provide a ready source of water for fire protection throughout the town, regardless of the weather. We plan to complete the project and have the area landscaped for our Centennial celebration this summer. Besides recreational use in the summer, the pond will be available for skating in the winter and should be an asset to the whole community.

Work has begun on the kitchen project, and even though we were not able to make it a volunteer effort as originally planned, we will be able to complete enough of it to have a workable kitchen in time for the Centennial celebration. Bids have been accepted and approved by Mr. Dean Clark to rewire the kitchen and install a new service box, and also from Mr. Doug Amsbary to install cabinets, counter tops, plumbing, etc.

Upon the resignation of Mr. David Shepard as Chief of Police, Mr. Cooley and Mr. Ford appointed Mr. Glenn Kiedaisch to fill the position. He has installed the two-way radio which was obtained through the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and is able to communicate immediately with the Grafton Sheriff's Department dispatcher as well as with local police officers. As a result, he is able to provide faster and more efficient protection and law enforcement for all of us.

There has been little talk recently about I-93 and its impact on Easton. The Planning Board has made our position clear to the State and to VTN, and the final decision rests with the State. The consensus is that some sort of improved highway will be put through Franconia Notch, with some upgrading of the secondary roads which include Routes 112 and 116. It is doubtful that the gloomy predictions for Easton Valley will materialize.

1976 is an historic year for our nation and for Easton. As we celebrate our Centennial, let us thank the Lord for our blessings and strive to emulate those virtues that made this country great - that of cooperation, determination and charity. Here's to another good 100 years for Easton!

Sincerely,

Glenn Kiedaisch
Dennis Ford
Durand Cooley



BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Building permits were issued as follows:

Dr. Garry Mouskegian, a two-room extension	7/31/75
Elthan C. Whittier, porch extension	7/31/75
Robert Zabarsky, build a residence	10/21/75
Norman Williams, build a dwelling	11/4/75
Vincent Place, build a one-family home	11/19/75
Vincent Place, six month temporary permit for a trailer to be used during construction only	11/28/75

I want to thank the residents and property owners for their cooperation to keep Easton beautiful.

Sincerely,

Robert Wutzdorff
Building Inspector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1975**

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$33,244.34
Error in Warrant	.01
Resident Taxes	<u>1,040.00</u>
Total Warrant	<u>\$34,284.35</u>

Yield Taxes	2,770.30
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Added Taxes

Resident Taxes	50.00
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Overpayment during year

a/c Property Taxes	.37
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Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	<u>7.00</u>
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Total Debits	<u>\$37,112.02</u>
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CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer

Property Taxes	\$31,469.34
Overpayment on Property Taxes	.37
Resident Taxes	890.00
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>7.00</u>
	<u>\$32,366.71</u>

Abatements made during Year

Resident Taxes	0.00
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Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1975

(As per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	1,775.01
Resident Taxes	200.00
Yield Taxes	<u>2,770.30</u>
	<u>4,745.31</u>

Total Credits	\$37,112.02
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**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1974**

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes--As of January 1, 1975

Property Taxes	\$2,036.20
Error, 1974	2.00
Resident Taxes	<u>80.00</u>
	<u>\$2,118.20</u>

Interest collected on Property Taxes

Penalties collected on Resident Taxes	<u>7.00</u>
	<u>56.00</u>

Total Debits	\$2,174.20
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CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal Year

Ended December 31, 1975

Property Taxes	\$2,038.20
Resident Taxes	70.00
Interest collected during year	49.00
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>7.00</u>
	<u>\$2,164.20</u>

Abatements made during year

	<u>10.00</u>
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Total Credits	\$2,174.20
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UNCOLLECTED TAXES - LEVY OF 1975

Property Taxes:

Fernald G. Aiken Sr.	\$ 18.75
Fernald G. Aiken Jr.	37.50
Arthur Baum	75.00
*Donald Dempsey & Marilyn	45.63
Theresa Glover	236.25
Irving Laughlin & Selma	157.50
Jon E. Putnam & Dorothy	564.38
*Benjamin Tolford	37.50
*Joseph White	321.88
*Andree' C. Yule	<u>280.62</u>

Total \$1,775.01

Resident Taxes:

Hansell Burke	\$ 10.00
Donald Burke	10.00
Frank Dane	10.00
Martha Gault	10.00
Kevin Hayes	10.00
Shelley Kantor	10.00
Bucky MacMillan	10.00
Alan McLane	10.00
Joan McLane	10.00
Thomas Mottern	10.00
Isabel Muller	10.00
Vincent Place	10.00
Susan Place	10.00
John Purinton	10.00
Dorothy Putnam	10.00
Jon Putnam	10.00
John Storella	10.00
Linda Trainor	10.00
Thomas Trainor	10.00
Robert F. Gorgone	<u>10.00</u>

Total \$ 200.00

*Paid after December 31, 1975

I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1975, on account of tax levy of 1975, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Fontelle A. Silver
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1975 Auto Permits - 171	\$3,186.11
1975 Dog Licenses - 33	78.00
Town Maps Sold - 8	12.00
Filing Fees	<u>5.00</u>
Paid to Town Treasurer	\$3,281.11

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Leighton
Town Clerk



TREASURER'S REPORT

1975

Cash Balance on Hand, January 1, 1975	\$ 9,821.81
Marilyn Glover, Tax Collector	2,826.32
Fontelle A. Silver, Tax Collector	33,947.71
Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk	3,281.11
Selectmen of Easton, Gun Permits (7 @ \$2.00)	14.00
State of New Hampshire:	
Bank Tax Revenue	106.02
Business Profits Tax Revenue	15.20
Highway Subsidy - 4 payments, total	842.27
Interest & Dividends Tax	2,772.06
Meals & Rooms Tax	917.73
Reimbursement, State & Federal Forest Reserve Lands	2,858.23
Resources Div. Reimbursement, 1/2 Warden Training	7.67
White Mountain National Forest Reserve Revenue	2,890.42
Littleton National Bank, Tax on Bank Shares	.40
Deposits on Timber Tax	<u>1,880.00</u>
	\$62,180.95
Moneys returned to checking account from Savings for expenses	<u>3,228.13</u>
	\$65,409.08
Paid on Account of 124 Selectmen's Orders	<u>43,872.00</u>
Balance on Hand, January 1, 1976	\$21,537.08

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

1975

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,298.52
Town Officers' Expenses	1,146.10
Election & Registration	309.05
Town Hall Expenses	731.19
Police & Fire Protection	4,208.62
Protection of Persons & Property	858.00
Health Department	371.85
Department of U.S. Treasury	211.00
Town Road Maintenance	3,928.43
Library	150.00
Donation & Promotion	997.74
Advertising	101.76
Cemetery	261.80
Taxes Collected & State Appraisals	150.00
State & County Tax	5,967.94
Centennial	300.00
School Tax	21,000.00
Timber Tax Dep.	<u>1,880.00</u>
 Total of Payments	\$43,872.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Glenn Kiedaisch, Selectman	\$ 250.00
Durand Cooley, Selectman	223.52
Dennis Ford, Selectman	200.00
Fontelle Silver, Tax Collector	200.00
Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk	200.00
Margaret Whitcomb, Treasurer	200.00
Susan Maltby, Auditor	<u>25.00</u>
	 <u>\$ 1,298.52</u>

Detail 2. TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

N.H. City & Town Clerks' Association, Dues	\$ 10.00
N.H. Municipal Association, Dues	100.00
John Jerome, Planning Board	21.20
Brown & Saltmarsh	6.15
Glenn Kiedaisch	54.50
Linda Leighton, salary & expenses	240.36
Fontelle Silver	42.74
N.H. Tax Collectors' Association, Dues	10.00
Homestead Press	16.01
Branham Publishing Company	8.95
Brown & Saltmarsh	13.38
Margaret Whitcomb	2.12
Virginia Leighton, expenses & registrations	203.37
Durand Cooley	25.00
Dennis Ford	25.32
N.H. Association of Assessing Officials	10.00
Harrison Publishing House	<u>357.00</u>
	 <u>\$ 1,146.10</u>

Detail 3. ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Harrison Publishing House	\$ 85.50
Margaret Whitcomb	12.00
Carol Westhaver, Supervisor	24.00
Dianne Kiedaisch, Supervisor & expenses	36.55
Linda Leighton, Supervisor	14.00
Miriam Wutzdorff	24.00
Alice Shepard	12.00
Thelma Hubbard	24.00
John Jerome	12.00
Douglas Amsbary	12.00

Harold Klumbach	12.00
Susan Maltby	12.00
Thomas Pancoast, Moderator	<u>29.00</u>
	\$ 309.05

Detail 4. TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Public Service Company	\$ 91.44
Community Oil & Wetherbee Oil	397.22
N. E. Telephone	164.48
Franconia Gas Corporation	37.00
Franconia Hardware	7.55
Wendell Silver	<u>33.50</u>
	\$ 731.19

Detail 5. POLICE & FIRE PROTECTION

Motorola Inc.	\$ 1,299.00
Durand Cooley	26.54
Franconia Hardware	6.35
David Shepard	120.15
Glenn Kiedaisch	103.45
Town of Franconia	179.00
William Presby	1,525.00
Littleton Savings Bank, Dry Hydrant Fund	<u>949.13</u>
	\$ 4,208.62

Detail 6. PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Concord Group Insurance	\$ 28.00
Hadlock Insurance Agency	567.00
Franconia Insurance, Workman's Compensation	66.00
Hunkins & Eaton, Town Officers' Bonds	<u>197.00</u>
	\$ 858.00

Detail 7. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Durand Cooley, Health Officer	\$ 5.00
Town of Franconia	<u>366.85</u>
	\$ 371.85

Detail 8. DEPARTMENT OF U. S. TREASURY

Revenue Sharing Overpayment	\$ 211.00
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Detail 9. TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE

Robert P. Peckett, III, Winter Road Maintenance	\$ 2,833.63
Robert P. Peckett, III, Summer Road Maintenance	865.80
Tetreault Salvage	<u>299.00</u>
	\$ 3,928.43

Detail 10. LIBRARY \$ 150.00

Detail 11. DONATION & PROMOTION

North Country Home Health Agency	\$ 115.00
Franconia-Easton-Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce	286.74
White Mountain Community Services	125.00
Franconia Recreation Program	300.00
Easton Conservation Committee	50.00
North Country Council	<u>121.00</u>
	\$ 997.74

Detail 12. ADVERTISING

Courier Printing Company \$ 101.76

Detail 13. CEMETERY

Franconia Hardware	\$ 14.90
Wendell Silver	<u>246.90</u>
	\$ 261.80

Detail 14. TAXES COLLECTED & STATE APPRAISALS

Maynard White \$ 150.00

Detail 15. STATE & COUNTY TAX

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$ 373.85
Willard Bromage, Treasurer	5,506.23
Bond & Debt Retirement	<u>87.86</u>
	\$ 5,967.94

Detail 16. SCHOOL TAX

Lafayette School District	\$20,000.00
Profile School District	<u>1,000.00</u>

\$21,000.00

Detail 17. CENTENNIAL

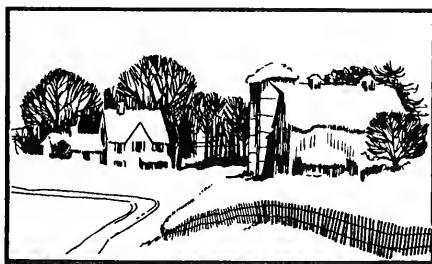
\$ 300.00

Detail 18. LITTLETON SAVINGS BANK

\$ 1,880.00

Total

\$43,872.00



POLICE REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1975

Accidents:

Involving Motor Vehicles, 9 reported and processed by this Department.

Robberies:

3 reported and investigated

Speed Warnings:

6 issued

Dog Complaints:

8 reported and investigated

The Police Department received the 2-way radio through the grant from the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency and had it installed in October, 1975. The radio gives the department communication with Grafton County Sheriff's Department and the New Hampshire State Police (Troop F), as well as all other local towns. The radio will be a big asset to the department in times of emergency.

David Shepard (former Police
Chief resigned)

Glenn T. Kiedaisch (Police Chief
appointed)

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

Upon the recommendation of town selectmen and city councils, the Division of Forests and Lands appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town and city every three years. The town or city warden is responsible for maintaining a force of men and adequate equipment to suppress any wildfire that occurs in his town or city during his term of appointment. The fire warden must authorize all open burning when the ground is not covered with snow. No open fires can be authorized between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., unless it is raining, without the additional permission of the state district fire chief.

Any person wishing to kindle an open fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the forest fire warden. Camp and cooking fires also require the warden's permission.

The Division of Forests and Lands, through its Forest Fire Service, assists all cities and towns in meeting these requirements by training the warden and deputy forces in wildfire suppression tactics, making hand tool suppression equipment available at fifty percent of cost, supplying pieces of Federal excess property for use as fire attack vehicles and sharing up to fifty percent of the cost of wildfire suppression costs.

Wildfire prevention is also a joint state, city or town program. Smokey Bear is available from the Forest Fire Service for local fire prevention programs. Posters and Junior Ranger kits are available for distribution by local fire departments upon request to the Forest Fire Service. Each forest fire warden is expected to carry on a continuous wildfire prevention program within his town or city.

1975 FOREST FIRE STATISTICS

	<u>No. of Fires</u>	<u>No. of Acres</u>
State	718	800
District	26	16-1/2
Town	1	1/2

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Durand B. Cooley
Easton, N.H.

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF
John Q. Ricard
Canaan, N.H.

EASTON CENTENNIAL REPORT

As the date of the July 24-25, 1976 Centennial Celebration draws closer, committee members are bending their efforts towards a fruition of a proposed and expanding program:

To have: a chicken barbecue; a Sunday family picnic; an old costume march; a puppet show; the N.H. Caravan '76 and the Canterbury Musicians for entertainment; games for children; refreshments served.

Exhibits: Knitted and crocheted articles; old clothing and buttons of the 1880's; rugs braided and crocheted; household items; old newspaper clippings; old photographs; pictures of school houses, mills and the old post office.

All donations for the exhibit will be gratefully received and will be given insurance protection.

Mrs. Helen Young, Treasurer
Centennial Committee

The following is by Christine Jerome, Co-chairman:

A historical committee has been researching the town's past with a view to publishing Easton's history. Limited time and funds dictate that only an abbreviated version in booklet form will be ready this summer. The booklet will trace our history from the arrival of Nathan Kinsman, 1782 through the acrimonious years from 1840 to 1876, when East Landaff was partitioned from Landaff, to present day.

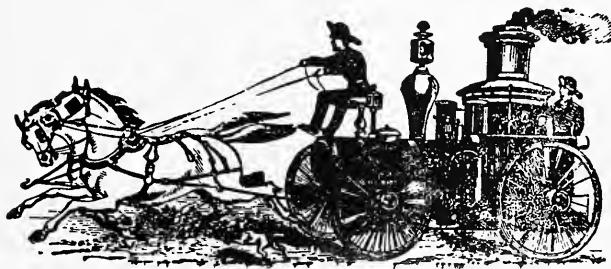
In addition, if funds permit, there will be a souvenir card with old photographs of local historical sites.

Christine Jerome, Co-chairman

EASTON CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
TREASURER'S REPORT
1975

Total Balance January 1, 1975	\$1,334.50
Deposits	
Town Appropriation	\$300.00
Flea Market	<u>116.16</u>
	416.16
Interest Earned	1,750.66
Total Available	82.53
Less office expenses	<u>1,833.19</u>
	8.12
Balance on hand, January 1, 1976	\$1,827.07

Dee Kiedaisch
Easton Centennial Committee



EASTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT - 1975

During the year of 1975, the library purchased 6 books with the town appropriation.

Readers and friends donated 54 hard cover books and approximately 200 paperbacks consisting of fiction, non-fiction, college level, comics, biographical, historical, juvenile, and Readers Digest condensed books. Thank you, readers and friends.

Some of those who donated books were the Sugar Hill Library, J.P. Jesseman, M. Doolan, G. Whitcomb, L. Leighton, and M. Whitcomb.

The Bookmobile made 3 trips to Easton in 1975. We borrowed 599 books--288 adult fiction, 220 non-fiction, and 91 youth and juvenile.

Number of visitors	102
Number of readers	25
Books loaned:	
Adult fiction	155
Adult non-fiction	155
Juvenile fiction	33
Juvenile non-fiction	<u>14</u>
Total	357
Paperbacks & magazines	27
Records	<u>4</u>
Total Circulation	388

The library is open from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.

Virginia Leighton
Librarian

LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT
1975

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1975	\$ 122.95
Town Appropriation	150.00
Memorial Fund Donation	<u>10.57</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 283.52

EXPENDITURES

Salary of Librarian	\$100.00
Insurance	22.00
Books Purchased	
We Americans	12.25
The Saturday Evening Post Cookbook	7.45
Christmas with a Country Flavor &	
Country Fair Cook Book	7.50
Modern Patchwork	1.75
Silver Spurs & Record	<u>6.95</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>157.90</u>
Balance on hand January 1, 1976	\$ 125.62

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF EASTON
EASTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
P. O., FRANCONIA, N. H. 03580

1975

Established by vote of the Town in March, the Conservation Commission consists of Acting Chairman David Osher, Secretary Chris Jerome, Treasurer C. J. Cameron, Karen Gebe, Doug McLane, and Jack Kenney. The Commission was established in part to assist the Planning Board in its efforts to prevent the extension of I-93 through the Easton Valley by working with and monitoring the activities of VTN Consolidated, the State's consulting agency. A major project, which Commission members undertook during the summer, was preparation of bottom-type maps of sections of the Ham Branch and Wild Ammonoosuc Rivers inside the town limits. (An example is hanging on the back wall of the meeting room.) These maps, showing distribution of bedrock, boulders, gravel and sand, were undertaken to determine whether our rivers contain enough gravel to support the spawning needs of the Atlantic salmon, which is slowly being reintroduced to the Connecticut River system. Our point was that this potential use for our rivers could present a serious constraint to Interstate construction in this valley. The maps have been turned over to Peter Spear, Senior Biologist for VTN.

An ongoing project has been the Conservation Commission's effort, in response to queries from townspeople, to determine the potential hazards to humans and animal life, and to our wetlands, of the Public Service Company's power-line spraying. Although the town's power lines are not scheduled for spraying again until several years from now, some limited spraying during the summer aroused concern among individuals who walk and collect berries under power line right-of-ways. While the compound used by Public Service is far better than DDT and earlier herbicides, the Commission is checking with sources in Washington and Ontario as well as with Public Service officials so we can answer your questions when they arise.

During the next year, the Commission hopes to complete a Land Use Inventory for the town, a listing of current land usage to help the Planning Board in its work. This task is part of the Commission's legislative mandate.

Finally, the Conservation Commission is offering red oak trees in the form of seedlings at no charge to townspeople as a Centennial project. These one- to two-foot trees will eventually enhance individual homes and the town as a whole.

For the future, the Commission would like the town's guidance on additional programs, ranging from the designation of scenic roads (protection for landowners and the town of roadsides) to the establishment of a nature walk for townspeople. A questionnaire will be distributed at Town Meeting, and the Commission welcomes visitors at its meetings, once monthly at the homes of Commission members. For date and time, call Chris Jerome at 823-5384.

Sincerely,

Chris Jerome, Secretary

CONSERVATION COMMISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	\$50.00
Interest from Bank	<u>.23</u>
Total receipts	\$50.23

EXPENSES

N. H. Assn. of Cons. Commissions, Dues	\$20.00
N. H. A. C. C. Handbooks	3.00
Glen Press, Stationery	16.00
Postage	<u>.40</u>
Total expenses	<u>39.40</u>

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1976	\$10.83
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THE REPORT OF THE TOWN OF EASTON

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

1975

The voters of the Town of Easton appropriated the sum of \$350. 00 for the care and maintenance of the Kinsman Cemetery.

This year several graves were filled and reseeded and many of the stones were straightened and brush was cut where necessary.

Flags were placed on fourteen Veterans graves for Memorial Day.

One new trust fund was added, Howard Bonor, making a total of 17 trust funds established for the care of the cemetery lots with John Jerome as Trustee of Trust Funds.

There were two burials this year.

One complaint was received for removing dead plants from a grave.

The sign was broken down either from rot or vandalism and must be painted and a new post erected. This will be done as early as possible in the Spring.



RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	\$350.00
Paid by Cemetery Trust Funds	115.00
Paid by Town of Easton	<u>246.90</u>
Balance of appropriation not spent	\$103.10

EXPENSES

Wendell Silver, Labor	\$318.75
Wendell Silver, Flags, Gas, Oil, & Maintenance	<u>43.65</u>
Total Expenses	\$362.40

Trustees of Kinsman Cemetery

Helen J. Young
Maryanne Dzuback
Wendell W. Silver
Cray Ball

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF EASTON ON December 31, 1975

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	New Funds Created	Amt. of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance Income Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Income End of Year
1916	R. W. Young	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	6-3/4%	\$ 13.03	\$ 7.96	\$ 5.50	\$ 15.49
	Peter Kinsman & Bernsley Edwards	100.00	6-3/4%	24.04	8.74	6.00	26.78	
1922	Orin G. Bowles	200.00	6-3/4%	144.22	24.23	17.00		151.45
1937	Charles A. Young	200.00	6-3/4%	38.00	16.77	11.00		43.77
1947	Arthur Pease	114.00	6-3/4%	38.16	10.75	7.00		41.91
1954	Florence Pease	200.00	6-3/4%	85.26	20.11	13.00		92.37
1966	Whitcomb & Tabbutt	200.00	6-3/4%	38.88	16.82	12.00		43.70
1970	Raymond W. Whitcomb	200.00	6-3/4%	14.70	15.12	10.00		19.82
	Harriet E. & Edson M. Bailey	100.00	6-3/4%	9.59	7.72	5.00		12.31
1970	Leighton & Doolan	71.25	6-3/4%	16.65	6.23			22.88
1971	William & Alice C. Muser	100.00	6-3/4%	8.70	7.65	5.00		11.35
1971	Melvin H. & Idamae Bowles	100.00	6-3/4%	8.25	7.63	4.00		11.88
1973	John W. & Carrier N. Leigher	100.00	6-3/4%	7.64	7.59	4.00		11.23
1973	Russell & Ida Stevens	50.00	6-3/4%	3.09	3.76	1.00		5.85
1973	L. Gerald Paine	750.00	6-1/2%	44.13	53.97	15.00		83.10
1974	Everett W. Bailey	100.00	6-3/4%	2.67	7.27			9.94
1975	Howard Bonor	100.00	6-3/4%	.26				.26
TOTALS								
		\$100.00	\$3,285.25	\$1,164.35	120.19	\$115.50		\$1,888.63
								1,284.54

All of the above Trusts are for Cemetery Lot Care

1945 Town of Easton -
 & Sinking Fund
 1946 (Capital Reserve Fund)

TOTALS All Trusts are invested at the Littleton Savings Bank

DETAIL OF SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	Balance Jan. 1 1975	Interest 1975	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance Dec. 31 1975
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 2,506.89	\$ 137.03	\$	\$	\$ 2,643.92
Kitchen Fund	2,500.00	124.24			2,624.24
Revenue Sharing Fund	83.62	9.80			93.42
Communications Equipment Fund	1,150.00	25.95			1,175.95
Timber Tax Fund	2,568.80	84.77	1,880.00	2,770.30	1,763.27
Dry Hydrant Fund	<u>1,186.89</u>	<u>58.99</u>	<u>949.13</u>	<u>1,525.00</u>	<u>670.01</u>
Totals	\$ 9,996.20	\$ 440.78	\$ 2,829.13	\$ 5,471.25	\$ 7,794.86



BIRTHS -- 1975

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Birthplace of Mother	Birthplace of Father
February 2, 1975 Maclean Marie Pancoast	F	Thomas Pancoast	Kathleen C. Guenther	N.Y.	N.Y.
July 7, 1975 Kyia Miller	F	John W. Miller	Joanne Kenney	N.H.	N.H.



MARRIAGES -- 1975

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Name of Parents	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
November 4, 1975 Franconia, N.H.	Peter Nehrung Mary Ann Miller	Easton, N.H. Easton, N.H.	Albert Nehrung Helen Chesno Alexander Miller Doris M. Garton	Robert C. McLachlin Franconia, N.H. Justice of the Peace



DEATHS -- 1975

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Sex	Occupation	Name of Father	Name of Mother
March 25, 1975 Littleton, N.H.	Jane K. Cutter	85	F	Legal Secretary	Francis Cutter	Emily Jackson
October 6, 1975 Easton, N.H.	Bruce G. Edson	28	M	Laborer	John G. Edson	Agnes A. Lockie



